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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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At Page 1, line 16, delete "09/116,367" and insert --09/166,367--.

At Page 9, line 7, replace "Patent Application No. _____" with --Patent Application No. 09/274,281--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** Claims 1, 29, 35-37, 44, 49, 51-59, and 69-74 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method, comprising [the steps of]:
receiving information relating to customer activity of a customer with a first vendor;
receiving an indication of at least one item the customer desires to purchase from the
first vendor, the at least one item having an associated total price;
providing, in response to the received information, an indication of an offer for a
subsidy from a second vendor, wherein the offer for the subsidy is an offer for a reduction in
price relative to the total price; and
[receiving an indication of at least one item the customer desires to purchase, the at least
one item having an associated total price; and]
charging the customer a second price for the at least one item if the offer is accepted, the
second price being less than the total price.

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29. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
soliciting and obtaining agreement by the customer to participate in a transaction with
the second vendor.

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35. (Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the offer defines at least one of:
[a reduction in the price charged for the at least one item;]
the second vendor; and